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## **Overview**

#### Introduction

Employee tax records are initially created during the new hire process when W-4 and VA-4 information is entered on H0BNE. Once data entry on H0BNE is complete, the tax information is automatically stored on the following screens:

- H0BAD Employee Automatic Taxing Information
- H0ATX Employee State and Local Tax Status

This topic provides guidance on use of H0BAD and H0ATX to ensure pay is taxed properly and in accordance with federal and state law.

## Withholding Allowances

### Federal/State Tax Withholding

Withholding amounts are automatically calculated in CIPPS, based on the employee's Form W-4 and VA-4 information entered in CIPPS during the process of adding a new employee. Tax withholding, is based on the following:

- Taxable wages
- Tax withholding tables
- Pay frequency. The tax withholding amount depends on the frequency the employee is paid. Pay frequencies included in the tax withholding tables are annual, monthly, semimonthly, biweekly, weekly, and daily/miscellaneous.
- Martial status and personal allowances. The tax withholding amount is decreased by the annual credits allowed for the standard deduction and personal allowances. Employees indicate the standard deduction and/or personal allowances to which they are entitled on the W-4 and VA-4.

If the employee is eligible, the Earned Income Credit Advance Payment Certificate (Form W-5) should also be completed.

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## Withholding Allowances, Continued

#### Federal and State Withholding, continued

Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate (Form W-4) - tells the employer:

- Whether to withhold at the single or married rate
- How many withholding allowances are claimed
- Whether the employee wants any additional amount withheld
- Whether the employee is claiming exempt from withholding

Virginia Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate (Form VA-4) - provides the same information as Form W-4, with the exception of marital status. Marital status must be the same for both federal and state withholding calculations.

New employees are required to complete both forms within the first pay period of work. If the employee does not furnish these forms timely, withholding information must be entered as if the employee is single with no allowances.

### Earned Income Credit (Form W-5)

Certain employees may be eligible to receive the Earned Income Credit (EIC). The EIC provides a tax credit to workers whose income is below certain levels and who meet other eligibility requirements. Employees who satisfy income and eligibility requirements must complete the Earned Income Credit Advance Payment Certificate (Form W-5). Form W-5 expires on December 31 of each year. A new form must be filed each year in order to continue receiving the EIC. For information on the EIC, see IRS Publication 15, Circular E, Employer's Tax Guide.

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## Withholding Allowances, Continued

#### Resident and Nonresident Aliens

The taxation and reporting requirements for income earned by foreign citizens (aliens) working in the U.S. depend on whether the employee is a resident or nonresident alien. Generally, resident aliens are taxed on their worldwide income, which means they are subject to federal and state income tax withholdings to the same extent as U.S. citizens. Nonresident aliens, however, are taxed only on their income from U.S. sources, with some exceptions. Nonresident aliens are subject to the same federal income tax withholding as resident aliens depending on the source income, visa status or income treaties between the United States and the resident country.

In either case, employees are required to provide the employer with a completed Form W-4. When completing a Form W-4, a nonresident alien must claim 'single' regardless of the marital status and claim only one withholding allowance. No additional withholding allowances are allowed unless an exception is outlined in a treaty agreement. If Form W-4 is not submitted the employee should be entered as 'single' and claiming no allowances.

For more details on resident and nonresident alien taxation see IRS Publication 519, US Tax Guide for aliens.

#### **Daily Taxing**

Daily taxing is an alternative tax withholding method that is used to tax certain employee wages earned over a prescribed period of time, when the employee has no other earnings for the year. Use of this tax method for any other purpose may result in taxes being under-withheld for both the employee and employer, resulting in possible penalties to the agency.

For more information on the use alternative tax methods, see IRS Publication 15 (Circular E) and 15a, (Circular E Supplement).

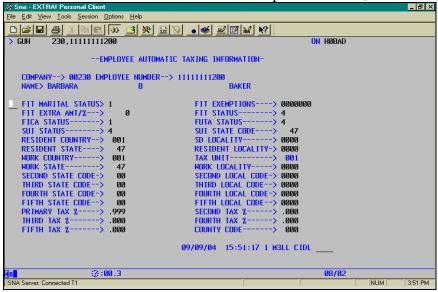
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## **Data Entry Procedures - Federal Tax Status**

#### **H0BAD**

H0BAD is used to enter and maintain the information that controls automatic taxing of employee earnings. H0BAD data entry fields are routinely initially entered on H0BNE when establishing the new employee record, but are maintained on H0BAD.

Access H0BAD as instructed in CAPP Topic No. 50110, CIPPS Navigation.



## FIT Marital Status

Enter the filing status denoted on the Form W-4.

Value	Description
1	Single employee
2	Married employee
3	Head of household
4	Married filing separate

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## Data Entry Procedures - Federal Tax Status, Continued

#### H0BAD, continued

# FIT Exemptions

Enter the number of exemptions denoted on the Form W-4, an amount to be withheld, or a percentage of federal taxable income to be withheld for federal income taxes, depending on the value in the FIT STATUS field.

If the FIT	
Status is	Then
4-8	Enter the number of exemptions claimed
3	Enter a whole dollar amount (e.g., enter 10.00 as 10).
2	Enter the percentage of federal income tax to be withheld
	to 3 decimal places (e.g., 19.3 % is 193).

# FIT Extra AMT/%

Enter the additional amount or percentage of FIT tax to withhold based on the Form W-4.

If the FIT Status is	Then
5	Enter the percent to be withheld to 3 decimal places (e.g., 19.3 % is 193).
6	Enter an additional amount as whole dollars.

#### FIT Status

If the W-4 indicates	Enter a value of	Description
FIT Exempt	1	Wages will accumulate as FIT-Non
		Taxable wages instead of FIT Taxable.
Percentage	2	Use the percentage provided in the FIT
		Exemptions field.
An amount to	3	Withhold the amount provided in the FIT
withhold		Exemptions field.
A number of	4	Withhold FIT based on withholding
exemptions		tables, marital status, and the value
claimed		entered in the FIT Exemption field.
An extra	5	Withhold FIT as 4 above with the
percentage to		additional percent of tax specified in the
be withheld		EXTRA AMT/% field.

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## Data Entry Procedures - Federal Tax Status, Continued

#### H0BAD, continued

#### FIT Status

If the W-4 indicates	Enter a value of	Description
An extra	6	Withhold the amount of tax calculated as 4
amount to		above and add an additional amount taken
be withheld		from the EXTRA AMT/% field. If the
		amount cannot be withheld in its entirely,
		no partial withholding will take place and it
		will not be recycled.
Employee	7	Withhold the amount of FIT calculated as 4
EIC eligible		above and pay the employee an amount of
		earned income credit (EIC) based only on
		this employee filing a W5 certificates. See
		note.
Employee	8	Withhold the amount of FIT calculated as 4
and spouse		above and pay the employee earned income
EIC eligible		credit (EIC) based on both the employee
		and the employee's spouse filing W-5
		certificates. See note.
FIT Exempt	A	Wages are taxable and will be accumulated
- Wage not		in FIT-TAXABLE but no withholding will
reported		occur.

Note: EIC payments for codes 7 and 8 can cause the check stub to appear to be out-of-balance. This occurs because the net pay includes EIC and can be greater than the gross pay amount. This is a valid condition. CIPPS will continue to process normally for EIC requirements.

FICA Status (OASDI and HI) This field controls the withholding of social security (FICA) tax.

Value	Description
1	Exempt from FICA (OASDI and HI ) tax.
3	Agricultural employee- exempt from FICA tax until FICA
	taxable wages reach \$150.00
4	Calculate FICA tax (both OASDI and HI)
5	Calculate OASDI only
6	Calculate HI only

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## Data Entry Procedures - Federal Tax Status, Continued

H0BAD, continued

FUTA Status Enter "1" - State governments are exempt from FUTA tax.

SUI Status State Unemployment Insurance Status - Enter the value

indicating whether wages are taxable.

Value	Descripton
1	Exempt from tax.
4	Calculate tax.

Contact the Virginia Employment Commission for a listing of employees that are exempt. For example, agency heads

Enter 001 for USA, otherwise contact Payroll Production at

and some students are exempt from SUI.

Enter the state the employee could collect unemployment SUI State Code

compensation. Default value is the work state.

SD Locality NOT USED AT THIS TIME.

Tax Unit Enter 001 for the tax unit.

DOA. Default value is 001. **Country** 

Work/Resident Enter 47 for Virginia. A list of state codes can be found in

State CAPP Topic No. 60201, CIPPS Codes.

Work/Resident Enter Zeros for Virginia, otherwise call Payroll Production

for assistance. Locality

Second through Not used for processing.

Fifth State Code, Second through Fifth Local Code, Primary through

Work/Resident

Fifth Tax%, County Code

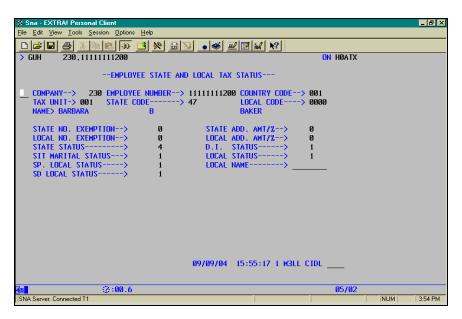
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## **Data Entry Procedures – State and Local Tax**

#### **HOATX**

H0ATX is used to enter and maintain the employee's state and local tax status information. The following fields were initially entered on H0BNE but must be maintained on H0ATX.

Access H0ATX as instructed in CAPP Topic No. 50110, CIPPS Navigation.



*Country Code* Enter 001 for USA.

*Tax Unit* Enter 001 for the tax unit.

State Code Enter 47 for Virginia.

**Local Code** Enter 0000 for Virginia, otherwise call Payroll Production

for assistance.

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## Data Entry Procedures - State and Local Tax, Continued

#### H0ATX, continued

# State No. Exemption

Enter the number of exemptions denoted on Form VA-4, an amount or percentage of state income tax to be withheld.

If the State Status is	Then
4-8	Enter the number of exemptions claimed.
3	Enter a whole dollar amount (e.g., enter 10.00 as 10).
2	Enter the percentage of state income tax to be withheld to 3 decimal places (e.g., 19.3% is 193).

# State ADD. AMT/%

Enter the additional amount or percentage of SIT tax to withhold based on Form VA-4. This field will only be used if a value of 5 or 6 is in the STATE STATUS field.

If the State Status is	Then
5	Enter the percent to be withheld to 3 decimal place (e.g., 19.3% is 193)
6	Enter the additional dollar mount to be withheld (i.e., $$10 = 10$ ).

# Local No. Exemption

Enter either a percentage of local taxable wages, an amount, or the number of local exemptions to be used in the calculation of local income taxes based upon the value contained in the LOCAL STATUS field.

If the Local Status is	Then
4-8	Enter the number of exemptions claimed
3	Enter a whole dollar amount (e.g. 10.00 would be entered as 10).
2	Enter the percentage of local income tax to be withheld to 3 decimal places (e.g., 19.3 percent 193).

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# Data Entry Procedures – State and Local Tax, Continued

## H0ATX, continued

# Local ADD. AMT/%

Enter either an additional local percent or amount.

If the Local Status is	Then
5	Enter extra percent to be withheld to a three
	decimal place percent (i.e., 3.2 percent is 032).
6	Enter the additional amount to be withheld in
	whole dollars.

### State Status

Enter the method to be used in the calculation of state income tax (SIT) withholding.

If the	Enter		
withholding	a		
certificate	value		
indicates	of	Description	
SIT Exempt	1	Exempt from state taxes or the state does	
		not have state income taxes.	
Percentage	2	Withhold the percentage of SIT indicated	
		in the SIT Exemption field	
An amount to	3	Withhold the amount of SIT indicated by	
withhold		the SIT Exemption field, plus the whole	
		dollar amount in the STATE ADD.	
		AMT/% field	
A number of	4	Calculate the SIT using a state tax routine	
exemptions		based on the SIT Exemption field	
An extra	5	Calculate SIT as in 4 above and in	
percentage to		addition add a percentage of state income	
be withheld		tax provided in the STATE ADD.	
		AMT/% field	
An extra	6	Calculate SIT as in 4 above and in	
amount to		addition add the amount provided in the	
withhold		STATE ADD. AMT/% field	
Multiple state	7	Calculate SIT for both the work and	
tax		resident states. Subtract the work state	
withholding /		tax from the resident state tax and place	
report resident		the remainder if positive, in the STATE	
taxes		TAX field on the resident tax record	

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## Data Entry Procedures - State and Local Tax, Continued

#### H0ATX, continued

# State Status, continued

If the withholding certificate indicates	Enter a value of	Description
Multiple state tax withholding/ report both work and resident taxes	8	Calculate SIT for both the work and resident states. Place the resident tax in the STATE TAX field of the resident tax record in addition to the taxes in the work tax record.
Multiple state SIT calculations	9	When the state is a work state, calculate SIT for the resident state. Place the resident tax and taxable income in the resident tax record in place of the tax in the work tax record. See Note.
No withholding/acc umulate SIT tax	A	Wages are taxable and will be accumulated in SIT-TAXABLE but no withholding will occur.

**Note:** This value should also be used in the tax records which pertain to the employee's resident state (H0BAD) if the resident state requires tax regardless of where wages are earned (the work state will have a SIT STATUS of **7**, **8**, or **9**). This status will cause the employee to be taxed correctly if the employee works in multiple states.

**DI Status** Not used in CIPPS processing.

## *SIT Marital Status* Enter the marital filing status denoted on Form VA-4.

Value	Description
1	Single
2	Married
3	Head of household
4	Married and filing separate tax returns
5	Married and filing jointly with both spouses having separate incomes. If a value is not entered, the system generated value may be incorrect.

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# Data Entry Procedures – State and Local Tax, Continued

## H0ATX, continued

#### Local Status

This field specifies tax status codes for local income tax. If the employee's primary work location is Virginia, enter 1. Acceptable values:

If the	Enter	
withholding	a	
certificate	value	
indicates	of	Description
Exempt from	1	Exempt from local taxes, or this locality
local taxes		has no local tax.
Percentage	2	Withhold the percentage of local taxable
		income indicated in the LOCAL NO.
		EXEMPTION field.
An amount	3	Withhold the amount of local income tax
to be		indicated by the LOCAL NO.
withheld		EXEMPTION field
Number of	4	Calculate local taxes based on the number
exemptions		of exemptions in the LOCAL NO.
claimed		EXEMPTION field
An extra	5	Calculate local income taxes as in 4
percentage to		above and add a percentage of local tax
be withheld		provided in the LOCAL ADD. AMT/%.
An	6	Calculate local income taxes as in 4
additional		above and add the amount provided in the
amount to		LOCAL ADD AMT/%.
withhold		
Work and	7	Calculate local income tax for both the
resident local		work and resident localities. Subtract the
taxes are to		work local tax from the resident local tax
be withheld		and place the remainder, if positive, in the
		local tax field of the resident tax record in
		addition to the taxes in the work tax
		record.

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## Data Entry Procedures - State and Local Tax, Continued

## H0ATX, continued

# Local Status, continued

If the	Enter	
withholding	a	
certificate	value	
indicates	of	Description
Work and	8	Calculate local income tax for both the
resident local		work and resident localities. Place the
taxes are to		resident tax in the local tax field of the
be withheld		resident tax record in addition to the taxes
		in the work tax record. This code is only
		valid if the local code is a work location.
Resident	9	When the state is a work state, calculate
local taxes		local income tax for the resident locality.
are to be		Place the resident tax and taxable income in
withheld		the resident tax record instead of the work
		tax record. This value should also be used
		in tax records which pertain to the
		employee's resident locality if the resident
		locality requires taxing regardless of where
		wages are earned (the work local will have
		a local status of 7, 8, or 9). This status will
		cause the employee to be taxed correctly if
		the employee works in multiple states or
		local codes.

### SP Local Status

Specify a status code for use by localities that have multiple taxes so these taxes may be controlled individually.

Value	Description
1	Employee is exempt from Special Local Tax
4	Calculate and withhold Special Local Tax

Local Name

Field displays when the local code is entered.

SD LOCAL

STATUS NOT USED AT THIS TIME.

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## **Reciprocal Taxes**

### Reciprocal Tax Agreements

Virginia currently has reciprocity agreements with District of Columbia, Kentucky, Maryland, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. In order for the reciprocity agreements with Maryland, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania to apply, the Virginia source income must be subject to taxation by the employee's state of residence. Agencies are encouraged to register, withhold, and report taxes for these states.

Recent guidance from the Department of Taxation indicates Virginia tax should be withheld if MD, WV, or PA tax is not withheld. The employee would still have the option of reduced Virginia withholdings by filing form VA-4b; "Virginia Employee's Withholding Income Tax Credit for Income Taxes Paid To Another State". Information, registration packages, and forms for reciprocal states may be accessed at the following web sites:

Maryland: <a href="www.comp.state.md.us/">www.comp.state.md.us/</a>
West Virginia: <a href="www.state.wv.us/taxdiv/">www.state.wv.us/taxdiv/</a>
Pennsylvania: <a href="www.revenue.state.pa.us/">www.revenue.state.pa.us/</a>

Kentucky: <u>www.state.ky.us/agencies/revenue/taxforms.htm</u>

D.C. <a href="http://cfo.dc.gov/otr/site/default.asp">http://cfo.dc.gov/otr/site/default.asp</a> or Call Department of

Finance & Revenue (202) 727-6130

#### Non-reciprocity States

Payments made to residents of non-reciprocity states, including neighboring states of Tennessee and North Carolina, are subject to Virginia taxation for services performed in Virginia. The employee may elect to have their VA withholding reduced (up to 100%) for taxes paid to another state by filing for VA-4b.

If agency employees reside and work in other states (such as external auditors operating outside VA) the employee's income is subject to taxation in accordance with the rules of the prevailing resident/work state. Virginia tax would not be withheld or reported in such special cases.

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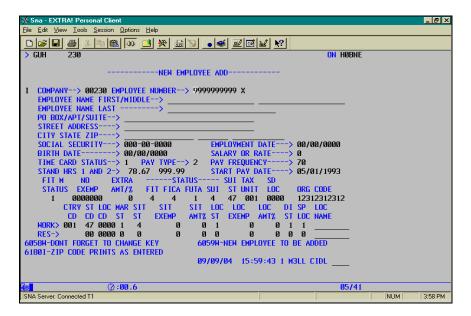
Agencies that do not have an existing tax deposit ID for the resident state must:

- Contact the tax department from that state to obtain an application for a tax deposit ID.
- Upon receipt of the application and information packet, read all the information and adhere to all reporting requirements for that state.
- Obtain a state tax withholding form and a locality withholding form (if applicable) from the employee.

Once all tax information for the reciprocal state and tax deposit ID have been established, reciprocal taxing for the employee can be established using the MENU/LINK functions or through individual screen access (H0ATX and H0BAD).

### New Hire Process **H0BNE**

Reciprocal tax information can be entered on the New Employee Add screen (H0BNE) during the new hire process. Access H0BEN using routine CIPPS navigation and complete the work and resident line fields specified: Refer to CAPP Topic No. 50305, *New Employee Add*, for valid values.



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## **Internal Control**

#### Internal Control

Agencies are responsible for ensuring that employees complete both federal and state withholding forms. Withhold the allowances claimed by the employee on Form W-4 and withholding any additional amount requested on the forms both federal and state withholding certificates. Agencies must ensure that all reciprocal tax agreement are honored and that taxes are withheld and reported for theses states.

## **Records Retention**

#### **Time Period**

IRS documents and records should retain for at least 4 years. All other payroll documents and records should be retained for a period of 5 years or until audited whichever is later.

## **Contacts**

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